


1-35. (Previously Cancelled)

36. (Currently Amended) A cover for sealing an open-topped container comprising:

5 a piece of heat shrinkable film shaped and sized to cover the open top of said container and to have a downwardly extending portion around an upper rim of said container, wherein
10 said piece of heat shrinkable film is a film substrate that contracts when heated and which remains unchanged upon exposure to radiant energy further wherein said downwardly extending portion is adapted to include a first means to absorb radiant energy to transfer heat to said downward depending portion upon
said first means being exposed to a radiant energy source wherein said downwardly extending portion is heat shrunk onto said container to form a spill resistant cover upon exposure to a radiant energy source.



37. (Previously Amended) The cover of claim 36 wherein said first means comprises adapting said film substrate to absorb energy by imparting opacity to the downwardly extending area.

38. (Original) The cover of claim 36 wherein said first means comprises said film having tint, said tint being adapted to absorb radiant energy.


39. (Original) The cover of claim 36 wherein said first means comprises a coating on said film said coating being adapted to absorb radiant energy.

40. (Original) The cover of claim 39 wherein said radiant energy absorbent coating is printed into said film.

41. (Previously Amended) A roll of heat shrinkable film for use in a device for forming spill resistant covers on open-topped containers, said roll comprising:

5 a plurality of severable pieces of heat shrinkable film formed in a continuous film, each piece being shaped and

10 sized to cover the open top of said container and to have a
downwardly extending portion around an upper rim of said
container wherein said heat shrinkable film is a film substrate
that contracts when heated and which remains unchanged upon
15 exposure to radiant energy, further wherein said downwardly
extending portion is adapted to include a first means to absorb
radiant energy to transfer heat to said downwardly extending
portion upon said first means being exposed to a radiant energy
source wherein said downwardly extending portion is heat shrunk
onto said container to form a spill resistant cover upon
exposure to a radiant energy source.



42. (Original) The cover of claim 40 wherein said
radiant energy is infrared radiation and said radiant energy
absorbing coating is an ink.

43. (Previously Amended) The cover of claim 36
wherein said first means is a radiant energy absorbent coating
material carried by the film substrate said radiant energy
absorbent coating material being sufficiently opaque to radiant
5 energy thereby being able to absorb said radiant energy.

44. (Previously Amended) The heat shrinkable film
of claim 41 wherein said first means is a radiant energy
absorbent coating material carried by the film substrate said
radiant energy absorbent coating material being sufficiently
5 opaque to radiant energy thereby being able to absorb radiant
energy.

45. (Previously Amended) The cover of claim 43
wherein said radiant energy absorbent coating is carried by
specific portions of the downwardly extending portion of said
film substrate forming a radiant energy absorbing layer at those
5 specific portions, and other portions of said film substrate are
free of said radiant energy absorbent coating, and wherein upon
said cover being exposed to a source of radiant energy said
portions free of radiant energy absorbent coating material
transmit said radiant energy without appreciable warming and

10 said portions carrying said radiant energy absorbent coating material heat sufficiently to cause a shrinkage of said radiant energy absorbing coating material carrying portions of the film thereby effecting preferential shrinkage in a predetermined manner.

46. (Previously Added) The heat shrinkable film of claim 44 wherein said radiant energy absorbent coating material is carried by specific portions of the downwardly extending portion of said film substrate forming a radiant energy absorbent layer at those specific portions, and other portions of said film substrate are free of radiant energy absorbent coating material, and wherein upon said heat-shrinkable film being exposed to a source of radiant energy said portions free of radiant energy absorbent coating material transmit said
5 radiant energy without appreciable warming and said portions
10 carrying said radiant energy absorbent coating material heat sufficiently to cause a shrinkage of radiant energy absorbent coating material carrying portions of the film thereby effecting preferential shrinkage in a predetermined manner.
